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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
 DOI EARLY JUNE 1967
 SUBJECT ALLEGED VIET CONG USE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF
 WAR IN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI
 PROVINCE, TO TEACH CADRES ENGLISH

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SOURCE

1. IN EARLY JUNE THE VIET CONG (VC) WERE USING THREE
 AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) TO TEACH VC CADRES ENGLISH AT
 PHU THO HAMLET, NGHAI PHU VILLAGE, NGHIA HANH DISTRICT, QUANG
 NGAI PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO VC GUARDS IN THE HAMLET. THE POWS,
 ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, WERE DETAINED IN A SHELTER
 IN A FOREST AREA ADJOINING THE HAMLET DURING THE DAY. AT NIGHT

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THE VC TAKE THEM TO THE HAMLET. THEY ARE TREATED WELL.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: TWO EARLIER REPORTS, EVALUATED POSSIBLY TRUE BY EACH OF THE SOURCES MENTIONED HEREUNDER, CONCERNED THE CAPTURE OF FOUR AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN QUANG NGAI. ONE [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED ON 21 APRIL AT THE THUONG HOA RIVER BY A BINH SON DISTRICT VC MAIN FORCE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF BINH LANH, BINH THONG, BINH KY, BINH AN AND BINH NAM VILLAGES IN EASTERN BINH SON. THE OTHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT A "SECRET TUNNEL" AT THE THUONG HOA, BINH LANH VILLAGE (BS 630974) ON 21 APRIL. THEY WERE TO BE MOVED ON TO A WESTERN AREA. (TDCS-314/02224-67) [REDACTED] OF 12 FEBRUARY 1967 REPORTED A VC DETENTION CAMP LOCATED AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF PHU KHUONG HAMLET, NGHIA PHU VILLAGE, WITH TWO OR THREE AMERICANS UNDER DETENTION.)

3. REQUIREMENT REFERENCE O-2E6-14883.

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USAID JUSPAO USARV USMACV CORDS NAVFORV 7TH AIR FORCE DIST 58/OSI 525TH MIG CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT III MAF [REDACTED]